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THE KISSINGER AFRICAN MISSION

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SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER LEAVES MONDAY ON VISITS (IS ON HIS WAY) TO SEVERAL NATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN PREPARATION FOR A MISSION HE CONSIDERS THE MOST COMPLEX NEGOTIATION HE HAS UNDERTAKEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON TODAY (SATURDAY.) NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN HAS THESE THOUGHTS:

VOICE:

WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS PURSUING IS WHAT PRESIDENT FORD RECENTLY CALLED "A MAJOR DIPLOMATIC EFFORT". IT IS TO SUGGEST SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICA'S PROBLEMS ON WHICH THE AFRICANS--BLACK AND WHITE--CAN NEGOTIATE WITH REASONABLE CHANCES OF SUCCESS. THE AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORT, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS, IS BEING UNDERTAKEN WITH THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT NOT ONLY OF ALL AFRICAN PARTIES, BUT OF WASHINGTON'S WESTERN ALLIES.

WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, THE AMERICAN POSITION CONSISTS OF THREE OVER-RIDING OBJECTIVES. STATED SIMPLY, THEY ARE TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO MAJORITY RULE WITH BUILT-IN PROTECTIONS FOR MINORITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AN END TO THE VIOLENCE ALREADY STARTED THERE, AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS THAT WILL PERMIT SOUTHERN AFRICA'S MULTI-RACIAL COMMUNITIES TO LIVE SIDE-BY-SIDE IN PEACE.

BUT BEYOND THAT, WHAT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS WEST EUROPEAN ALLIES ARE TRYING TO AVOID IS AN ESCALATION OF THE UNREST AND VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA--IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA

AND SOUTH AFRICA--AND TO PRECLUDE MILITARY INTERVENTION BY OUTSIDE POWERS AS IN THE CASE OF ANGOLA. AS THE UNITED STATES PERCEIVES THE DANGERS INHERENT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, CONTINUED VIOLENCE THERE INEVITABLY WOULD LEAD TO REPERCUSSIONS IN OTHER WORLD AREAS. AND THAT PERCEPTION, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER POINTED OUT, IS SHARED BY AMERICA'S ALLIES, AND BEYOND THEM, THE MODERATE LEADERS OF BLACK AFRICA. FOR THESE, PARTICULARLY, REALIZE THAT THEIR OWN FUTURE IS LINKED TO WHATEVER SOLUTIONS CAN BE FOUND BY THEM AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

(OPT) OBVIOUSLY, ANY SOLUTIONS THAT WILL EVOLVE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADERS OF ALL COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL INCLUDE NOT ONLY POLITICAL COMPONENTS BUT ECONOMIC. AND IN THE ECONOMIC SENSE, SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL BE DISCUSSING A PLAN SUPPORTED BY BRITAIN, FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY AS WELL AS OTHER WESTERN ALLIES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL HELP TO MAKE THE TRANSITIONS TO INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE. (END OPT)

AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE SECRETARY KISSINGER UNDERLINED THE FACT THAT THE AMERICAN ROLE IS STRICTLY THAT OF A MEDIATOR. AND HE EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT THE ULTIMATE SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICA' S PROBLEMS MUST COME FROM THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES. AS HE PUT IT--THE OUTCOME DEPENDS ON "THE UNITY AND WISDOM, THE CAPACITY OF ALL AFRICANS TO WORK TOGETHER."

AND SO, THE NEXT STEPS IN THIS WIDESPREAD EFFORT TO AVERT AN INTERNATIONAL TRAGEDY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ARE NOW UP TO ITS LEADERS-- BLACK AND WHITE. THAT THEY WILL HAVE ALL POSSIBLE HELP FROM THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES IS EVIDENT FROM

SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS TO HIS NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE EVE OF HIS DELICATE MEDIATION MISSION.

PRESIDENT FORD, AFTER AN HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH HIS SECRETARY OF STATE SATURDAY MORNING, SPELLED OUT WHY THE UNITED STATES IS SO DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE KISSINGER MISSION. HE SAID: "THERE IS NO ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS, BUT IT IS WORTH THE RISK, I THINK, FOR WORLD PEACE AND A CONTINENT THAT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US."

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